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Hate makes us vehement partisans, but love still more so.—Goethe.

WHAT ABOUT CHARTER REVISION?

What are we going to do about a new charter for the city and county of Honolulu?

There is a demand for it—a demand for a change of some kind that will lessen the cost and waste of the present municipal organization.

The commission form of government is suggested, the city managership is suggested; other proposals are made.

Honolulu is entering upon a municipal campaign. During this campaign should be brought up the charter revision question. It's something for the candidates to think over.

The last movement to secure a new charter failed ingloriously, largely because the point was made and emphasized—particularly by the Democrats—that charter revision had not been a campaign issue and should not be made an issue in the legislature.

There should be no excuse of that kind available after the campaign of 1914.

THE COST OF HUMAN STRIFE

Figures have been compiled by the yard to show the cost to the United States of sending an army into Mexico. But what about the cost to Mexico of the recent and present revolutions?

It's enough to stagger the ordinary mind, even though Mexico is far from being a developed and normally productive country. The revolutions have cut down the country's wealth to an enormous extent. U. S. Consul Hannu sends some striking figures to the department of commerce bringing out the facts. For instance, in the state of Durango not more than two-thirds of the usual acreage was planted and not more than 10 per cent harvested by the rightful owners. A tremendous cotton yield was largely sacrificed, half being still in warehouses and that disposed of being sold at a big cut. Exports from Durango fell off about 80 per cent. Most of the railways to the Gulf have been inoperative for a year. Two-thirds of all the banks outside of Mexico City and Vera Cruz are said to have closed, either voluntarily or through insolvency. Most of the mines are idle. The great haciendas are short of men, and many of them, particularly the estates belonging to Huertistas, have been laid waste.

And from the railroads, fields, mines and closed manufacturing have poured armies of unemployed men. Where have they gone? Most of them have joined one or another of the military forces. Some have become independent guerrillas, some bandits, some mere idlers, drifters.

Mexico, never highly advanced in civilization outside of a few cities and favored sections of the country, is now retrograding at a frightful pace, according to observers. It is highly important that some strong hand put asunder the warring factions, put down revolution, take from the fighters the gun and sword and place in their grasp instead the hammer and the mallet.

As a documentary argument against the tremendous waste involved in deadly human strife, Consul Hannu's report is unanswerable.

A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

With the announcement today of his candidacy for mayor, Harry E. Murray sets forth a proposed municipal program that is concise and progressive.

He stands squarely for operation of the frontage-tax system, for good roads for municipal playgrounds as well as parks, for economy in public office.

Mr. Murray has had experience in city administration that should prove a valuable asset to him. He served two years as a supervisor, during which term he was chairman of important committees.

He has also had considerable practical experience as a road-builder, which should stand him in good stead if he were elected mayor. The problems of better roads and streets is one of the most important before the municipality today.

In entering a campaign for mayor, Mr. Murray must expect his past record to be made the subject of discussion. It is quite fair to state that his term of office was marred by certain faults of temperament that often overcame better judgment. As a member of a board that spent a large part of the city's valuable time in bickering, Mr. Murray took part in useless squabbles. A series of unfortunate occurrences operated to deprive him of much public

sympathy and support. As a whole his one term of supervision was not a shining success.

But it is also fair to state that in intelligent realization of some of the purely local problems of civic administration Murray was looked upon as the leader of the board. And he has always had many friends and acquaintances who regretted that his talents did not yield larger returns in service to the people.

Since leaving office Mr. Murray has devoted himself industriously and consistently to the business of being a good citizen in private life and all the reports are to the effect that in this he has "made good." He has stood out against these faults of temperament to which allusion has been made—stood out and won out. He has been connected with a large local contracting firm, handled much of its road construction and has won the confidence of his employers. His practical experience thus gained is an asset in his favor as a candidate.

The Star-Bulletin, recognizing the handicap under which he must labor in again appealing for the support of the voters, feels that there is much to be said in Mr. Murray's favor. He is certainly much more worth while supporting than some of those mentioned for the mayoralty. This paper will reserve final opinion until the full list of candidates is known. In the meantime, a word of appreciation is not amiss for a young man who is avowedly ambitious to rise in clean politics and who desires to show the people that he has qualities that deserve their support. His campaign will be watched with interest.

Incidentally, Mr. Murray is to appear before the Ad Club at the "Mayor's Day Quiz" tomorrow. His platform is published in full in today's issue and Ad Club members will do well to read it and be ready with their questions.

ROOSEVELT SCORES THE DEMOCRATS.

Col. Roosevelt deals rather harshly with the Democratic administration in recent public utterances. Just before sailing for Kermit's wedding in Madrid, he said:

"There is widespread apprehension among our people. The pinch of poverty is felt in many a household. We cannot ignore the conditions which have brought about this state of things. The cost of living has not been reduced. Not the slightest progress has been made in solving the trust question. It has been shown that the reduction of the tariff in no shape or way helps toward this solution. The economic conditions are such that business is in jeopardy, and that the small business man, the farmer and the industrial wage worker are all suffering because of these conditions. Our policies would have secured the passing around of prosperity and also the existence of a sufficient amount of prosperity to be passed around."

Apparently the Colonel doesn't believe that the present business depression is psychological. Any good baseball umpire could settle this Mexican wrangle in two minutes. He'd bench both Huerta and Villa.

Mani won Saturday's polo contest because Mani played the better game. Oahu has no excuse. Nor need Oahu feel ashamed of the game put up by the losers. It was good—but not quite good enough.

Honolulu's new postmaster, William F. Young, is making friends wherever he goes, and the first thing about it is that his employees are all singing his praises. That's a pretty good sign.

Next Thursday comes the benefit baseball game for Leahi Home. Put it down on your memoranda. Tab, Mr. Businessman, and help along a good cause while seeing a good ball game.

It's "Mayor's Day" at the Ad Club tomorrow. As one question to ask the candidates, we suggest: "What does the mayor need more than one automobile?"

One of the noticeable things about the saloon business is that nobody wants to stay in the law if there's any way of beating it.

"Don't say anything for success, success is never achieved." As a matter of fact, it was never bright.

Now is the time when the high cost of pig and potatoes becomes a serious impediment to the politicians.

George R. Carter evidently means to start political hostilities by declaring war.

Mani also has a row in the judiciary.

ENJOYABLE PLAY IS PRESENTED IN THE PALAMA GYM.

Saturday evening in the gymnasium at Palama Settlement was given a very interesting and creditable presentation of the mirth-provoking comedy, "Mr. Bob." The large hall was crowded and the audience followed the humorous situations of the play with most noticeable attention and enjoyment. The rehearsals for the event have been going on for several months under the direction of Miss Laura Topham and it is due to her energetic work and executive ability that the excellent and almost flawless performance was possible. Considering the raw material which Miss Topham had to work with, the results were truly remarkable.

The play itself is very laughable and the parts were well handled. Frank Silva as Philip Royson, the young medical student, was excellent, delivering his lines in a most finished and convincing manner. Miss Constance Camara was very pretty and vivacious in the role of "Mr. Bob" and Miss Edith Naone received much a laugh as the stage-struck maid, Patty. Ernest Wicke as Jenkins, the butler, who consented to be "Romeo" to please Patty, was very good. Miss Rose Ota as Miss Rebecca Lake, the aunt; Miss Elizabeth Akana as Katharine Rogers, Philip's cousin; and James Akana, as Robert Brown, the much-abused lawyer's clerk, all handled their parts in admirable style.

In the intermission between the scenes, a beautiful fancy dance was given which received a hearty and well-deserved encore. The young ladies participating in the dance under the direction of Mrs. Agnes Driver, were Maria Prestidge, Lydia Prestidge, Elizabeth Spencer, Carrie Bannister, Lehua Uluabehi, Mary Apai, Hannah Lee Kawai, Mary Lahau, Lela Peter and Mabel Ticombi.

After the play the floor was cleared, and dancing was enjoyed the remainder of the evening. The proceeds from the performance will be used as a playground fund for the Settlement.

CHARLES H. ATHERTON NOW PROUD GRANDFATHER

Charles H. Atherton is today receiving the congratulations of his friends over his accession to the proud position of grandfather. A daughter was born yesterday morning to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Guard, and has been named Juliette Montague Guard. Mrs. Guard was Miss Juliette Atherton, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Atherton. Mother and daughter are reported today to be doing very well indeed.

\$24,000,000 DECREASE IN MEXICAN COMMERCE

(By Latest Mail)
WASHINGTON.—The United States Bureau of Commerce statistics indicate there was a decrease of over \$24,000,000 in the foreign trade of Mexico during the last six months of 1913, compared with the corresponding period of 1912. The imports for the last six months of last year were valued at \$43,042,229 compared with \$47,518,889 for the same period in 1912 and the exports amounted to \$62,084,421 compared with \$81,717,566, United States currency.

Of the total exports during the last six months of 1913 mineral products made up \$23,492,215, and vegetable products \$23,638,134.

The United States took over 75 per cent of the total exports from Mexico during the 1913 period, the United Kingdom 10 per cent, Germany 4 per cent, and France 3 per cent. Over 70 per cent of the exports passed through the ports of Vera Cruz, Tampico and Progreso.

The stomach of a camel is divided into four compartments, and the walls of these are lined with large cells, every one of which can be opened and closed at will by the means of powerful muscles, explains a writer in the Presbyterian. When a camel drinks, 77 drinks for such a long time you really would think it never meant to leave off. The fact is that it is not satisfying its thirst, but is filling up its cistern as well. One after another the cells in its stomach are filled with water, and as soon as each is quite full, it is again closed. Then when, a few hours later, the animal becomes thirsty, all it has to do is to open one of the cells and allow the water to flow out.

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PRESIDENT DEAN TELLS STUDENTS TO TALK TO HIM

President Dean of the College of Hawaii invites the young people plan and their college courses to consult with him freely on their plans or any matters of practical educational information in which they feel he might be of assistance.

This invitation was extended to the pupils of the McKinley high school this morning by President Dean in the short talk he gave at the morning assembly, and it expresses the attitude of the college president and the boys and girls just branching out.

Principal Scott had invited President Dean to say a few words to the students and thus get acquainted through the school year is just now closing. President Dean spoke of the need for men and women who are prepared. He noted the calls for well equipped men that come to the colleges and universities from the great business enterprises. This demand is increasing and proves the absolute value of education and training for men and women who are to be in the front rank of affairs of the future.

Speaking for the College of Hawaii, President said that its special sphere is in the engineering, practical and scientific agricultural and domestic science courses, and the students can secure the best from this institution where they will have the personal supervision by the teachers which is entirely lost in the large colleges and universities.

ENCAMPMENT PLANS PROGRESS RAPIDLY; EMPLOYERS CO-OPERATE

Plans for the joint encampment of the national guardsmen and regulars are progressing, and now that the dates of departure and return are definitely known, the militiamen are laying plans to assure a representative turn-out. Company commanders have commenced a canvass of their organizations, and every effort will be made to bring as many men into the field as possible. Of course there are some whose business absolutely prevents a vacation at this time of year, but employers throughout the city have promised cooperation, and little opposition is expected from this quarter. The territorial troops are looked upon as a form of insurance, and it is figured that a few days of business inconvenience is a mighty cheap annual premium.

Following is the full text of the order covering the encampment, just issued by the Hawaiian department:

1. A camp of instruction will be held in this department as follows:
(a) Commander: Colonel Francis H. French, 2nd Infantry.
(b) Participating Troops: First and Second Battalions, 2nd Infantry, with the necessary medical personnel; First Infantry, National Guard of Hawaii; Sanitary Troops, National Guard of Hawaii.
(c) Place: Red Hill, Oahu.
(d) Date: July 25 to July 31, 1914.

(e) Inspector-Instructors: The camp commander will detail one regular officer for duty with each battalion, of the First Infantry, National Guard of Hawaii, for the period of the encampment, he will also detail one medical officer for duty as inspector-instructor with the Sanitary Troops, National Guard of Hawaii.
2. First Lieutenant William C. Whitener, detailed for duty with the National Guard of Hawaii, is detailed as mustering officer. The National Guard participating in this encampment will be mustered immediately after their arrival at the camp and the certificate on the pay roll executed, showing the number of days for which payment is to be made thereon, date of departure from home station and the date of return thereto.

First Lieutenant William C. Whitener, Infantry, will also make the annual inspection of the First Infantry, National Guard of Hawaii, during the camp of instruction.

The camp commander will detail a regular medical officer to make the annual field inspection of the Sanitary Troops, National Guard of Hawaii.

The scheme of instruction prepared and approved by these headquarters will be carried out during the camp of instruction.

4. Regular troops taking part in the camp of instruction will proceed by marching so as to arrive at camp on July 25, 1914; they will return to their proper station by marching on July 31, 1914.

5. The camp commander will arrange all preliminary details in connection with the camp and the instruction of the National Guard of Hawaii through these headquarters.

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